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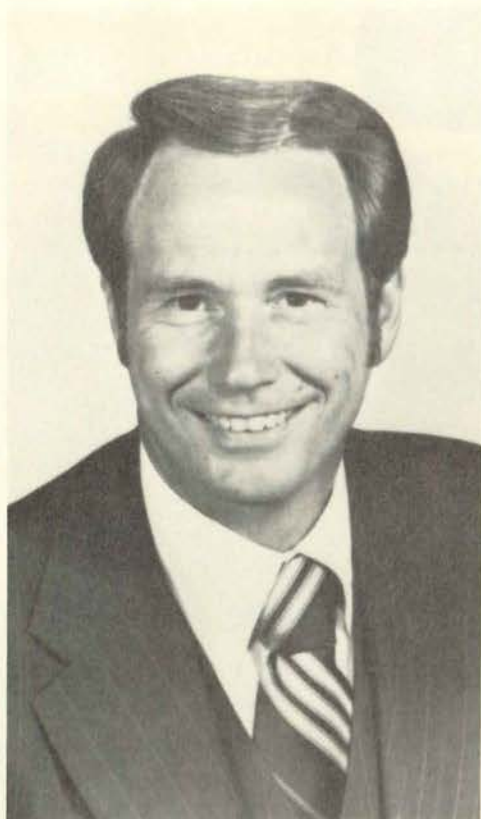
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The Greatest Mystery of Life

by President Paul Dixon

What men fear is not that death is annihilation--but that it is not. So stated Epicurius many years ago. How very, very true!

And men do fear dying. It is without doubt the greatest mystery of life. We know less, talk less, write less, and read less on this subject than most all others. Seemingly, we just do not care to face the reality of the "last appointment."

In recent years, the writings of Elisabeth Kubler-Ross, Raymond Moody, and a few others have attempted to answer some of the questions about dying. But, the one book that has all the right answers is the Bible.

Recently, I was on a plane flying across the country. At one point during the flight, the stewardess sat down next to me for a few moments. When I asked if she would go to heaven when she died, the response was typical: *I don't think about that. I simply live my life to the fullest now. After all, the grave is the end for all of us.*

Oh, no, I replied, 'it is appointed unto men once to die and after that the judgment.' If we die with our faith in Jesus Christ, we shall live eternally with Him. To die without that saving faith is to lose your soul forever.

The best preparation for death is a spiritual preparation. On a cemetery marker was written: *Our heart is beating a funeral march to the grave.* Another stimulating epitaph was:

*Remember, friend, as you pass by,
As you are now, so once was I.
As I am now, so you will be:
Prepare for death and follow me.*

When first married and yet a college student, I penned these verses on the inside of my closet door: *Lord, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it is; that I may know how frail I am... mine age is as nothing before thee... (Psalm 39:4-5b).*

Life is short. Death is imminent for all of us! The person without Christ must receive Him now as Saviour. The Christian must redeem the time, for life is truly that. . . *vapour that appeareth for but a short time and then vanisheth away.*

At Cedarville College we want to help you face some of death's realities. This issue of the TORCH is designed accordingly. Our prayer is that it will be profitable to you and your family.



DEATH'S IMPACT

by David Hatley

For us, June 3, 1973, seems like a very long time ago. Earlier on that Saturday, Debbie and I and our son, Sean (15 days from his first birthday), had driven from Cedarville to Findlay to visit friends from our law school days. Upon our return, we were driving south near Cedarville on U.S. Route 72 at about 11 p.m. As we approached a small hill, a dark Plymouth, northward bound and unseen by us, was attempting to pass in our lane. The Plymouth hurtled toward our car at about 100 miles per hour, and we met head-on. As the automobiles demolished one another, our heads careened off the windshield of our Camaro; our son's head was crushed upon impact with the dashboard.

Our memories fail from the moment of collision. Our pastor at the time, Rev. Joseph M. Stowell III, in a message at Cedarville College last March, recalled:

"It was Saturday night at about 11 p.m. when I received a phone call from a man in my church. As I answered, his hurried, anxious voice informed me that down the road from his home there had been a terrible automobile accident. He said that a car on

the proper side of the road was going up a small rise and another car passing in the wrong lane was coming up the other side of the rise when they met head-on. Both cars were thrown into the ditch; one was on fire. He thought that some people from the church were involved. I asked him if they had been taken to the hospital, and he said they had and told me which hospital.

"Immediately I called the hospital and asked the switchboard operator if these people had been admitted. The answer was 'Yes.' I asked about their condition, and she replied that she was not allowed to give that information over the phone. When I told her that I was their pastor, she said, 'Oh, if you are their pastor, you should get here as soon as you can.'

"I raced to the hospital and into the emergency ward. I looked to my left and saw nurses and several doctors feverishly working over a small body. I went to the next room, and there was my friend Dave whom I pastored. He was unconscious, struggling in a coma. The doctors and aides who were standing around his bed had to hold him down. From another room I heard someone call, 'Pastor, Pastor, is that you?' I walked across the hall and there, in a state of shock, lay Dave's wife, Debbie. We chatted for a moment, and I was relieved that she did not ask about her son's condition.

"Soon it was decided to rush them to a better-equipped hospital. There Debbie spent several hours in surgery while the physicians sewed together her face that had struck and shattered the windshield. I learned that Sean had gone on to be with the Lord while en route to the second hospital.

"Later the family asked if I would stay until it was time to share the news with Debbie about her son. Another man in my church remained through the night with me. We waited hour after hour for Debbie to ask about her Sean. She finally did. The nurses from the intensive care unit asked me to tell her that her son was gone. I don't know that I have ever faced a more difficult moment in the ministry than when I told her their little boy whom they loved so dearly was much better now in the tender care of Jesus. God had required from them their son, their only son, the son whom they loved. I began to understand in a measure what God had asked Abraham to do..."

Debbie and I were unable to attend the burial because of our hospital confinement. As my wife recovered from shock and I emerged from the coma after several days, the sensation of reality gripped our hearts. Grief dealt a sure and staggering blow to our then emotionally stark existence. We prepared for the memorial service two weeks later.

Slowly the tide of unanswered questions began to flood our minds. Why? Why would God...? Why

should He snatch away the life of a babe at the hands of a drunken driver? It seemed especially unfair because we were His children. Was this punishment for something we had done wrong? These often-asked questions were no longer the subject of intellectual pursuit. They had stepped into our lives and began testing the fiber of our faith.

As our minds pondered causes and reasons and our hearts ached with emotion, His spirit began to deal with our spirits and our sorrow. His Word--the same Word and the same passages--seemed to hold new content. What seemed to be familiar old verses now revealed new promises and explanations. For instance, in John 9 we read again that the man was blind--not because of the sin of his parents, but for the glory of God. The story of Job took on new meaning for us. His ability to handle grief brought glory to God. Abraham's testing in Genesis impressed us anew. We understood how God was glorified. But what about the death of our Sean? For the glory of God? How?

As the years have separated us from that tragic night, our vision of God's purpose has cleared. We now see two precious reasons for the death of our son: our enablement to be a comfort to those who have likewise suffered a death, and our ability to be a witness to unbelievers who have no hope beyond death. Both in public and in private, Debbie and I have shared our story. It, of course, sounds trite to say that we are better people for it and that He has used it mightily in our lives. But we are--and He has. We are stronger, and our witness has strengthened others. "...that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted by God" (II Corinthians 1:4).

Our unsaved friends still ask, "Why?" We tell them, but few believe. However, because they ask, we have the opportunity of sharing with them that death is not the end, but there is eternal life in heaven or hell, depending on one's relationship with Christ.

Here in this life we know only a small part of His plan for our lives and have seen only a portion of the glory resulting from the loss of our firstborn. But someday when we see our God, He will tell us more, and in that day we will see Sean!

A photograph of a funeral casket. The casket is covered in a white, quilted material. The headboard is white with a tufted pattern. To the left of the casket is a floor lamp with a white, funnel-shaped shade and a chrome base. In front of the lamp is a floral arrangement of white chrysanthemums. The background is a dark, draped curtain.

Counting The Cost

The casket photo was taken at the McColaugh Funeral Home in Xenia, Ohio. Flowers were provided by Webber's Florist Shoppe of Cedarville, Ohio.

No one likes to think about death. In fact, statistics tell us that the average person will experience a death in the family only once every 14 years. Only two times in a person's lifetime, on the average, will he actually have to make funeral arrangements. Nevertheless, physical death comes sooner or later and many Christians are not prepared. The TORCH staff felt it important to explore the ins and outs of funeral arrangements, especially for this issue with its focus on death. We trust the following interview with Roger Wilhelm, a Christian mortician in Ravenna, Ohio, will be helpful.

TORCH: Mr. Wilhelm, is it true that the funeral director is one of the first persons called when someone dies?

WILHELM: Yes, that is true. Since most deaths occur in an institution, nursing office policy usually requires the next of kin or some other person legally responsible to contact the funeral director.

TORCH: What is decided at the funeral director's office?

WILHELM: There are numerous family desires which must be determined during the initial visit. Personal history of the deceased for newspaper notices, death certificates, social security, veterans' benefits, and insurance claims must be ascertained. Also, times must be set for calling hours, services at a church or funeral home, and for interment. The casket, vault, clothing, and flowers are also selected at this time.

TORCH: Are morticians certified? What about the funeral home itself?

WILHELM: Embalmers and funeral directors are licensed separately, but one individual may, and usually does, maintain both licenses issued by the State of Ohio. Funeral homes must also be licensed by the State of Ohio, meet standards in accordance with the Department of Health, and satisfy strict requirements issued by the Ohio Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors.

TORCH: Is it more expensive to have a service at a church or at a funeral home?

WILHELM: Many funeral homes include one service charge which would permit a service in a church or at the funeral home with no difference in price.

TORCH: What if the deceased was on welfare?

WILHELM: When an Ohio welfare recipient dies, the Welfare Department uses the guidelines set before them to review the particular case in question and issues a ruling accordingly. Generally speaking,

the Welfare Department in Ohio will pay \$500 toward funeral expenses and will pay an additional amount of \$500 to be spent by family or friends.

TORCH: Do veterans get special treatment?

WILHELM: Yes, depending upon the eligibility of the deceased. There are government provisions for up to \$250 burial allowance--\$150 as a plot or interment allowance and a government provided grave marker. An American flag is used to drape the casket of a wartime veteran whose discharge was other than dishonorable. Military personnel on active duty are entitled to benefits which are more comprehensive.

TORCH: What is the average Ohio funeral cost?

WILHELM: An average funeral in this portion of Ohio is about \$1845. This includes only the funeral home service charge, casket, and vault.

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| Professional services | \$ 465 |
| Facilities | 418 |
| Motor Equipment | 212 |
| | 1095 |
| Casket | 405 |
| Vault | 345 |
| | \$1845 |

In addition to these costs, there are other incidentals which must be considered in determining the entire funeral cost to a particular family.

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| Clergyman's honorarium | \$ 25 |
| Cemetery (1 grave) | 150 |
| Cemetery opening and closing | 100 |
| Flowers | 75 |
| Hair dresser | 20 |
| Classified newspaper notice | 30 |
| Death Certificates (6 at \$2 each) | 12 |

TORCH: Many people may think that the \$1845-plus funeral cost is high. Are funeral homes charging excessively?

WILHELM: I must point out that only \$465 of the funeral quoted above is funeral home labor. From the other costs that are itemized, you can see that the funeral director has little or no control over them.

TORCH: You mentioned a clergyman's honorarium. Is there a set fee?

WILHELM: No, there is no set fee for ministers, nor do ministers usually set fees for themselves.

TORCH: What is the least expensive way to dispose of a body?

WILHELM: The local college of medicine would be the least expensive. However, since the general public could not all utilize this method, the least expensive is instant cremation, or what is termed direct disposal. It must be noted that the least financially

expensive method of disposal could also be the most expensive to the mental health of the bereaved relatives.

TORCH: How expensive can a funeral be?

WILHELM: Expense can be nearly unlimited. The most expensive funeral offered at our funeral home is \$15,120.

TORCH: Can a person prearrange the costs of the funeral?

WILHELM: Yes, A Payable on Death Account (POD) is money set aside with a local bank and this account is in the client's name. This account is owned by the client and can be withdrawn or closed out by the client at any time.

TORCH: What percent of your work is done by prearrangement?

WILHELM: Five percent of our funerals have been prearranged.

TORCH: What does it mean to embalm?

WILHELM: According to the Ohio Laws governing embalming and funeral directing, embalming is "the preservation and disinfection...of the dead human body by application of chemicals externally, internally, or both."

TORCH: Does a body have to be embalmed?

WILHELM: Generally speaking, in the state of Ohio, deceased human remains need not be embalmed prior to burial or cremation. However, according to the Ohio Department of Health Rules and Regulations, He-5-15, the transportation of bodies dead of acute contagious diseases... "shall be thoroughly embalmed with an approved disinfectant fluid by an embalmer licensed in the state of Ohio." And, according to He-5-16(B), "When the destination cannot be reached within twenty-four hours after death, the body shall be thoroughly embalmed and the coffin or casket placed in an outside case of substantial construction."

TORCH: Why do some people choose mausoleums?

WILHELM: Some people prefer above ground rather than earth burial, and some desire the status that accompanies the more costly mausoleum interment.

TORCH: Should people shop for tombstones?

WILHELM: Most people are aware of the differences between sandstone and granite, the former being more porous than the latter; but what they do not know is that there are comparisons between granites. Granite prices are affected by and directly related to the crushing strength (durability) and moisture absorption (color preservation). Yes, people should shop for monuments and grave markers.

TORCH: What types of caskets are

available?

WILHELM: Caskets are constructed of either wood or metal exteriors, and the material used for the shell determines the price variance. Many hardwoods are available. There are also pressed wood and pine caskets which would usually cost much less. In metal caskets, variance of material thickness and type is just as broad. Interiors of many styles and colors are available.

TORCH: Is a vault required? What is its purpose?

WILHELM: A vault is required by most cemetery regulations but is not required by Ohio state law. Its purpose is to keep the ground above it from caving in. It is usually made of a concrete, metal, or fiberglass receptacle encasing the casket for earth burial, and it also serves to protect the wood or metal casket from the moisture and soil.

TORCH: Why do grave sites vary in cost?

WILHELM: Some people might prefer the shade of a strong, towering, old oak; whereas another might select a hillside overlooking a breathtaking view. Cemeteries may charge more for this kind of site. People usually associate a cemetery or gravesites with tranquility, rest, natural beauty, and a pleasant place to later visit and reflect upon the past.

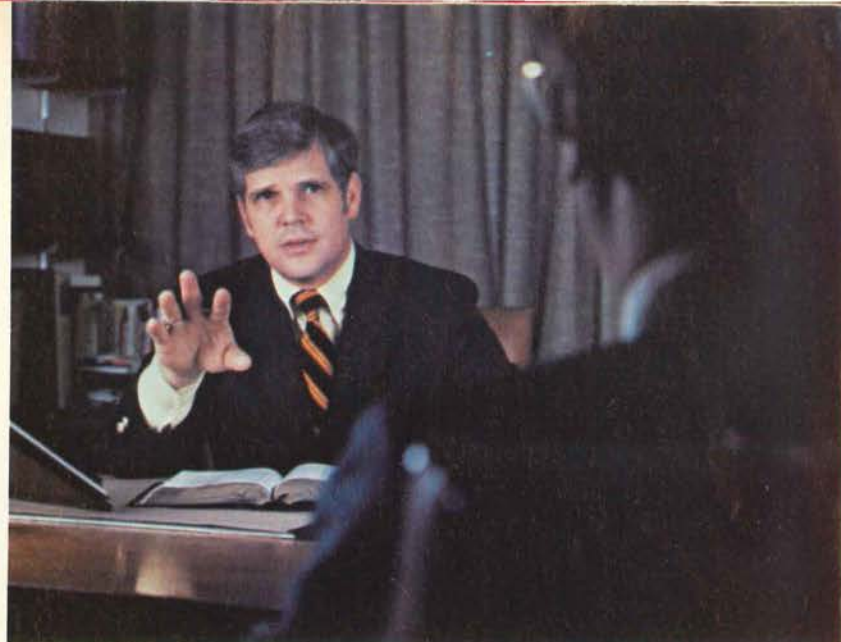
TORCH: Do you see any trends in funerals?

WILHELM: Today, people are more apt to make arrangements based upon their own individual personalities and needs, rather than predicating their decisions upon the basis of what others will think of their choice or custom. Most people still prefer a minister and some are getting back to the church funeral. However, there are more and more families with no church affiliation who ask for assistance from a minister with whom they are not acquainted.

TORCH: Any unique stories or memories?

WILHELM: As in the other professions, the funeral director becomes part of momentary crises which later are looked upon with much less gravity. Such memories, for the sake of survivors concerned, are best told in person and at a time further down the road. However, I will share an interesting story. The funeral of a fine Christian man was held here in the funeral home. The Baptist minister concluded his message with an invitation for decisions by asking for a show of hands. Eleven people raised their hands for salvation. The same minister preached a funeral service in his own church, and again concluded with an invitation. Three raised their hands for salvation. Of these three, one was the 56-year-old brother of the deceased. Several weeks after the funeral, a son of the deceased phoned to say that his uncle had just passed away. What a blessing, to complete a family in the Lord.

Making Your Funeral Christian



TORCH: Pastor Wheeler, thank you for this opportunity to question you about funeral arrangements. What advice do you give to people who desire to have a Christian funeral?

WHEELER: I like to share Biblical principles that can help guide a Christian's thinking about funerals. Then the individuals can apply these principles to their own situation.

TORCH: Fine. What are some of these principles?

WHEELER: First of all, Scripture makes it clear that Christians are different (I Peter 2:9). We should use every opportunity to express this uniqueness. Marriage, birth, and death provide such opportunities.

Second, a Christian funeral ought to reflect glory to Christ. Philippians 1:20 states "...so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life or by death."

Third, we must realize that the *body* has worth. We are created in the image of God (Gen. 1:27). God indwells a Christian's body (I Cor. 6:19). Christ's body was treated with dignity in burial; our bodies should be buried with like dignity.

Third, we must keep the purpose of the body in perspective. It is a temporary vessel for the spirit and soul of a person while he is alive. Once dead, its purpose is finished until the Resurrection. The spirit and soul are in heaven. Thus, there is no need to glorify or preserve that dead body beyond what legal law may require. For example, a blanket is not necessary to keep a body warm in winter, nor a copper vault to keep the body from turning to dust.

Fifth, finances must be considered from God's perspective. Scripture teaches that our best investments will be in eternal things. To me, it seems foolish to invest an excessive amount of money in a funeral for a temporal body which has already fulfilled its earthly purpose.

TORCH: Can you give us an example of a funeral that you feel expresses Christian values?

WHEELER: Let's say that a Christian dies and there is a surviving widow. I can picture the order of events as follows:

- The pastor is notified and he comes to comfort and to offer counsel.
- The funeral home is selected and the director is informed of the arrangements desired by the widow.
- The family gathers and a burial service is held, thus removing the focus from the *body* to the *person* who is now with Christ.
- Arrangements are made for visiting hours to be held at the church, at the home of the widow, or at the home of a close friend, reflecting a warm and personal atmosphere. The family requests that, instead of flowers, contributions be made to a Christian work, such as the local church and/or Cedarville College.
- The memorial service is then held at the church with two goals in mind:
 1. To comfort and encourage the family.
 2. To exalt Christ through the testimony of the person who has died. There can be testimonies about the deceased person's life. These might be spoken by friends or even be actual tapes made by the deceased while he was alive.

TORCH: Are there any last thoughts you might mention?

WHEELER: Yes. First, I would advise that funeral preferences be written out and given to a family member, friend, or pastor. This takes the pressure of decision making from the survivors at a time when decision making is at best very difficult.

Second, remember that a funeral home not only provides a service; it is a profit making business. Rates, expertise, and flexibility will vary. Choose a funeral director who is willing to carry out the unique and reasonable requests that a Christian should have. Your pastor will be able to suggest a director with a servant's heart.



IS IT WELL WITH YOUR WILL?

by Henry Phillips

“It can’t happen to me!” Because most of us live with this attitude, we avoid thinking about the security of our loved ones, and we literally gamble with what the Lord has entrusted to us. Death will come, and families who are not properly prepared will suffer. The following casual conversation of two homemakers will be helpful to you. The characters are fictional, but the facts are very real.

"Sue, how nice of you to come over. Won't you please come in? I have the coffee on and I just baked some bread."

"Thank you, Mary. I need to talk to you. A few months ago you said that you had your Will made. Bill has been very reluctant to do this for our family. He says we are too young and that it costs too much. What made you and Jerry decide to make a Will?"

"Well, Sue, you might tell Bill that until you make out your Will, you already have one written by state laws."

"Really, Mary! How can that be?"

"Our state laws determine exactly how your property will be distributed. For example, if your husband dies in this state, your three children would receive two-thirds of your property and you would receive only one-third."

"Why, that's not very fair. How can I support the family if so much of the estate is given to them? Can't I use the children's share?"

"Our attorney told us that we could use the children's share only with the probate court's permission, and then an accounting would have to be made of the money spent for each child."

"That's a lot of red tape, isn't it?"

"It certainly is, Sue. But it can be avoided simply by having your Will drawn. You can also avoid having to pay the unnecessary expense of having to post bond."

"Post bond! For what?"

"Believe it or not, Sue, it is money Bill's estate would have to post to guarantee your honesty, assuming you were named administrator. It also is nonrefundable, from what our attorney told us."

"You mean there is a chance that I might not be able to handle my own husband's estate?"

"Yes, the probate judge can name anyone he wants. Usually in average estates like ours, he would name the wife, but not necessarily so. Sue, that is another reason for having your own Will. In the event that both of you die, you can name your own first and second choice to administer an estate."

"Both of us! Really, Mary, how often do both parents die at the same time?"

"It happens all the time. Auto accidents are probably the biggest cause. Yet our attorney told us of a family in which both parents died of illnesses within a short time of each other. Another concern of ours is who will take care of our children if we are both gone. As Christians, we wouldn't want just anyone responsible for them. Their continued spiritual training is very important to us."

"Wouldn't your state-made Will provide for that?"

"No way, Sue. If we didn't name the guardians we want in our Wills, it would be up to the probate judge to choose guardians."

"Why, he wouldn't have any spiritual discernment at all!"

"You're right, Sue. That's why it is so important for you and Bill to have your Wills written. Have another slice of bread."

"This is delicious. I want your recipe."

"Is your daughter Sally enjoying Cedarville College? She's a sophomore, isn't she?"

"Yes, she is. She just loves it. Sally is especially pleased with the spiritual emphasis as well as the strong academics."

"That's good to hear. Sue, have you thought of considering the college in your Will?"

"Now that's an idea. Bill has been very pleased with the way Sally has grown spiritually at Cedarville. I think he would like the idea. That wouldn't cost us anything now, but would really help the college someday."

"That's right. As the college is helping Sally now, you could help some future students get a Christ-centered education later. Would you like more coffee?"

"Thanks, just half a cup, please. Mary, the other day one of our friends mentioned that she and her husband have a trust. What is the purpose of that?"

"Trusts are good for a lot of different purposes. For example, if you and Bill died this week, would you want your children to receive their share all at once?"

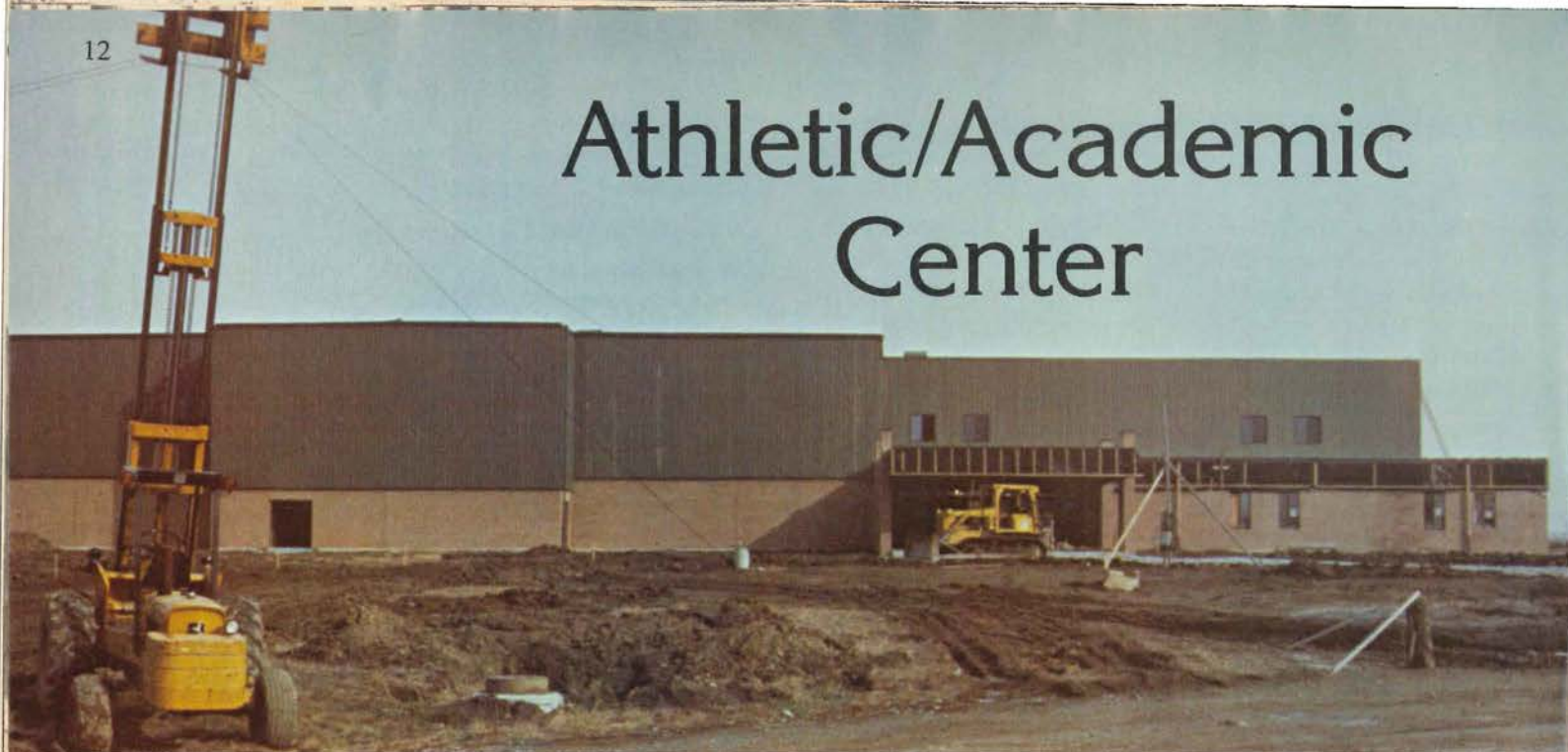
"Of course not! Both our sons have their eyes on new cars and are not really preparing for the future. Most kids their age don't think too far ahead."

"Exactly! And that is one of the best uses of a trust. You could write a trust so that a certain portion of their inheritance goes to them at specified times, for college expenses, or at ages 18, 21, 25, and 30. And, Sue, another good use of trusts is to minimize your estate taxes. I am sure Bill would like to do that. All of us dislike paying more taxes than necessary and trusts provide an excellent vehicle for reducing taxes, especially in larger estates."

"I can't wait to share that with Bill."

"Sue, another thing Jerry and I did was to include our Christian testimony in our Wills; this would be our last chance to witness to our unsaved relatives. In the beginning, we mentioned how we came to know Christ as Savior and that we would be in Heaven with Jesus when the Will was being read. Also, we told them that Christ

Athletic/Academic Center



As the construction of the new Athletic/Academic Center continues, some people may ask, "Why does the college need a new gym?" It is true that the present gymnasium, constructed in 1964, has met the needs of the college over the years. However, recent rapid growth in student population has forced the college board of trustees to make some hard decisions. One was to proceed with the construction of the new A/A Center. This decision was made in spite of the anticipated difficulties in securing funding.

The reasoning behind their decision clarifies the need for the new building:

- Our cafeteria was last expanded in 1967 when enrollment was 822, compared to the enrollment of 1500 for 1980.
- The heavy use of the facilities by our traditionally strong physical

education and intercollegiate athletic programs for men, combined with the high interest in our newer women's programs (an area unheard of when the present facility was constructed), taxes our present gym facilities to the fullest.

- Scheduling difficulties for the gym are even more evident when one considers the strong intramural sports program that involves 80% of the student body.
- Offices for various campus organizations are practically non-existent.
- Limited areas for student socialization are available in only a few of the dormitories, and those are with limited hours.
- Overcrowded and inadequate facilities have become prevalent in several academic areas. Faculty

offices are in short supply. Along with the increased enrollments, added classes in new majors compound the situation.

On the one hand, there was a conservative solution to the problem facing the College: simply retain the present level of facilities and limit enrollment. On the other hand, there was a bolder solution: expand the facilities and allow the greater number of qualified young men and women seeking a high quality Christian education at Cedarville College to be admitted. The trustees determined that the College would not be content to maintain the status quo. Instead they took a giant step forward--surely a step of faith and dependence on our great God, but one which would be the most comprehensive remedy to our growing pains.

Annual Missionary Conference

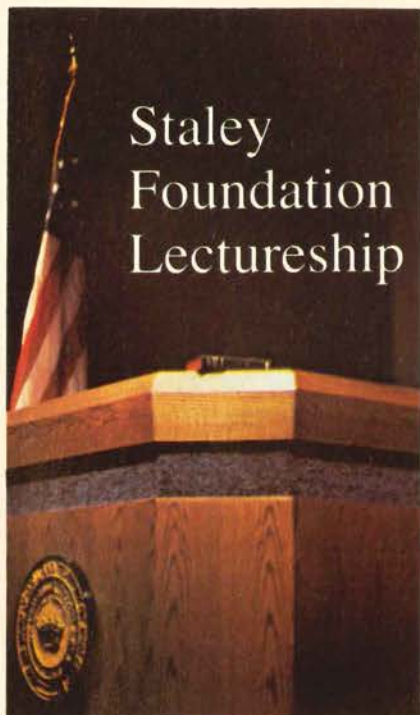


Two exiting speakers have been scheduled for the Annual Missionary Conference, January 11-16. Dr. Donn Ketcham is a medical doctor serving in Bangladesh since 1963. He is the son of the late Dr. Robert T. Ketcham, one of the original organizers of the G.A.R.B. Dr. Donn's engaging story-telling and inspirational missionary challenge will bless the hearts of the entire college family.

Dr. J. Don Jennings is currently

the International Director of Enrichment and Evangelism with the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism. God's blessing on Dr. Jennings' ministry is evident. In his last pastorate, church attendance grew from 240 to a high of 1,382. Today God is richly using Dr. Jennings in assignments in the United States and around the world. He along with Dr. Ketcham should provide an inspirational week of meetings for Cedarville College.

Staley Foundation Lectureship



This year's lecturer for the Staley Foundation Lectureship series is Dr. Louis Goldberg. Dr. Goldberg is a faculty member at the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, Illinois.

Born of Jewish parents, Dr. Goldberg acknowledged Jesus as his Messiah and Savior in 1948. He graduated from the University of Southern California, Roosevelt University, Northern Baptist Seminary, and Grace Theological Seminary. In 1977 he was chosen to receive the Faculty Citation Award by the Alumni Association of Moody Bible Institute.

Dr. Goldberg has invested full summers in specialized work in Israel. He has written books, articles, and scholarly papers, and he frequently

participates in conferences throughout the nation. He is on the advisory board of the American Messianic Fellowship and is a member of the Evangelical Theological Society.

The Staley Lectureship Program was instituted by Thomas F. Staley, widely acknowledged to be one of the most talented investment bankers on Wall Street. As an evangelical Christian, Mr. Staley desired to use his financial resources for the Lord. He set up a charitable foundation, and through this was formed the Staley Distinguished Christian Scholarship Lecture Program. It was designed to provide scholarly, evangelical speakers for religious emphasis programs at small Christian colleges.

Coming Events

- February
 - 6 Neilson and Young Piano Duo
 - 13 Roger Nelson Dramatic Presentation
 - 16-17 Christian School Recruitment Conference
 - 17-19 Staley Foundation Lectureship Series
 - 27 Symphonic Band Concert
 - 27-28 High School Band Conference
- March
 - 23-27 Spring Enrichment Conference
- April
 - 7 Cincinnati Opera Company Concert
 - 10 Brass Choir Sacred Concert
 - 11 Christian High School Science Fair
 - 24 André Michel Schub Concert
- May
 - 2 Cedar Day
 - 2 Concert Chorale Home Concert
 - 9 Junior Swordbearers' Conference
 - 22, 23 Spring Drama Production
 - 22, 23 High School Choral Clinic
 - 26 Outdoor Symphonic Band Concert
 - 29, 30 Spring Drama Production
- June
 - 6 85th Annual Commencement
 - 8-12 Cheerleading Clinic
- July
 - 1-4 Alumni Conference
 - 9-11 Salute to Summer
 - 19-31 Baptist Mid-Missions Candidate Seminar
- August
 - 5-8 Laymens' Conference
- September
 - 14-17 Pastors' Conference
 - 17-18 Cedarville Baptist Open Golf Tournament
 - 28-30 College Week
- October
 - 1 Instruction Begins
 - 16-17 Homecoming



Spring Conference

Spring Enrichment Week will be held March 23-27. This year's speaker is Rev. George Gardiner, pastor of Calvary Church in Grand Rapids, Michigan. This is the church founded by the late Dr. M. R. DeHaan, former teacher of the Radio Bible Class.

Rev. Gardiner was raised in Halifax, Nova Scotia, and pastored churches in Massachusetts and Ohio. He has been a Youth for Christ director and evangelist, Bible conference director, and executive committee member of the board of United World Missions.

The college family is expecting rich spiritual blessings as Rev. Gardiner teaches the Word of God.



The Times and the Seasons

Pat Landers Dixon

In times of death, one can hardly find enough inner, human resources with which to offer comfort with words. The phrases are usually trite and lacking in exactness. Only with the message from the Living Word does one seem confident that the heartfelt utterings convey a strong, lasting truth to the bereaved.

Poetry has its place and usefulness in giving comfort. May these two selected poems be additional resources which you can use.

SHE IS NOT DEAD

--anon.

"She is not dead, but sleepeth,"
The Master of men once said.
Such words stirred the people,
For they all believed her dead.

O Master of men and of ages!
Is death nought but a sleep?
Such a thought is priceless,
Buried in the heart so deep.

O glorious hope of the future,
Our dead are merely asleep!
We'll not spend days in sorrow,
Why should a Christian weep?

Sleep is followed by awaking;
Dawns a new day for the soul.
God, Heaven, and a new service,
While aeons of eternity roll.

Move on, O soul so victorious!
Thy spiritual heritage keep!
Hear these words of the Master:
"She is not dead, but asleep."

TO SLEEP

Elizabeth Barrett Browning

Of all the thoughts of God that are
Borne inward unto souls afar,
Along the Psalmist's music deep,
Now tell me if that any is,
For gift or grace, surpassing this--
"He giveth His beloved, sleep?"

"Sleep soft, beloved!" we sometimes say,
But have no tune to charm away
Sad dreams that through the eyelids creep:
But never doleful dream again
Shall break the happy slumber, when
"He giveth His beloved, sleep."

O earth so full of dreary noises!
O men, with wailing in your voices!
O delvèd gold, the wailers heap!
O strife, O curse, that o'er it fall!
God makes a silence through you all,
And "giveth His beloved, sleep."

And friends, dear friends, when it shall be
That this low breath is gone from me,
And round my bier ye come to weep,
Let one, most loving of you all,
Say, "Not a tear must o'er her fall!
He giveth His beloved, sleep."

ITINERARIES

PAUL DIXON, PRESIDENT

January 4 First Baptist Church, Milford OH; **18** Sara Bay Baptist Church, Bradenton, FL; **23** Immanuel Baptist Church (Stewardship Banquet), Ft. Wayne, IN; **24-25** First Baptist Church, Findlay, OH; **February 7** Snow Flake Rally, Echo Valley, MI; **8, a.m.** Berean Baptist Church, Grand Rapids, MI; **14-15, a.m.** Reimer Road Baptist Church, Wadsworth, OH; **28-March 1, a.m.** Calvary Baptist Church, Muskegon, MI; **7-8** Fellowship Baptist Church, Racine, WI; **29** Chapel of University Park, Akron, OH; **April 5, a.m.** Lake Hills Baptist Church, Schererville, IN; **17-19, a.m.** Shawnee Baptist Church, Vincentown, NJ; **20-21** Iowa State meetings, First Baptist Church, Monroe, IA; **24-25** Men's Retreat, Scioto Hills Baptist Camp.

JAMES T. JEREMIAH, CHANCELLOR

January 16-18 Evangel Baptist Church, Hagerstown, MD **March 1-4** Calvary Baptist Church, Altoona, PA **March 16-27** Holy Land Tour.

January - March Chancellor Jeremiah will be teaching at Cedarville College.

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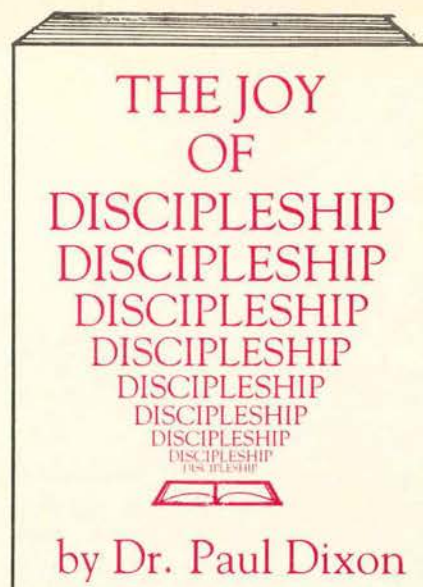
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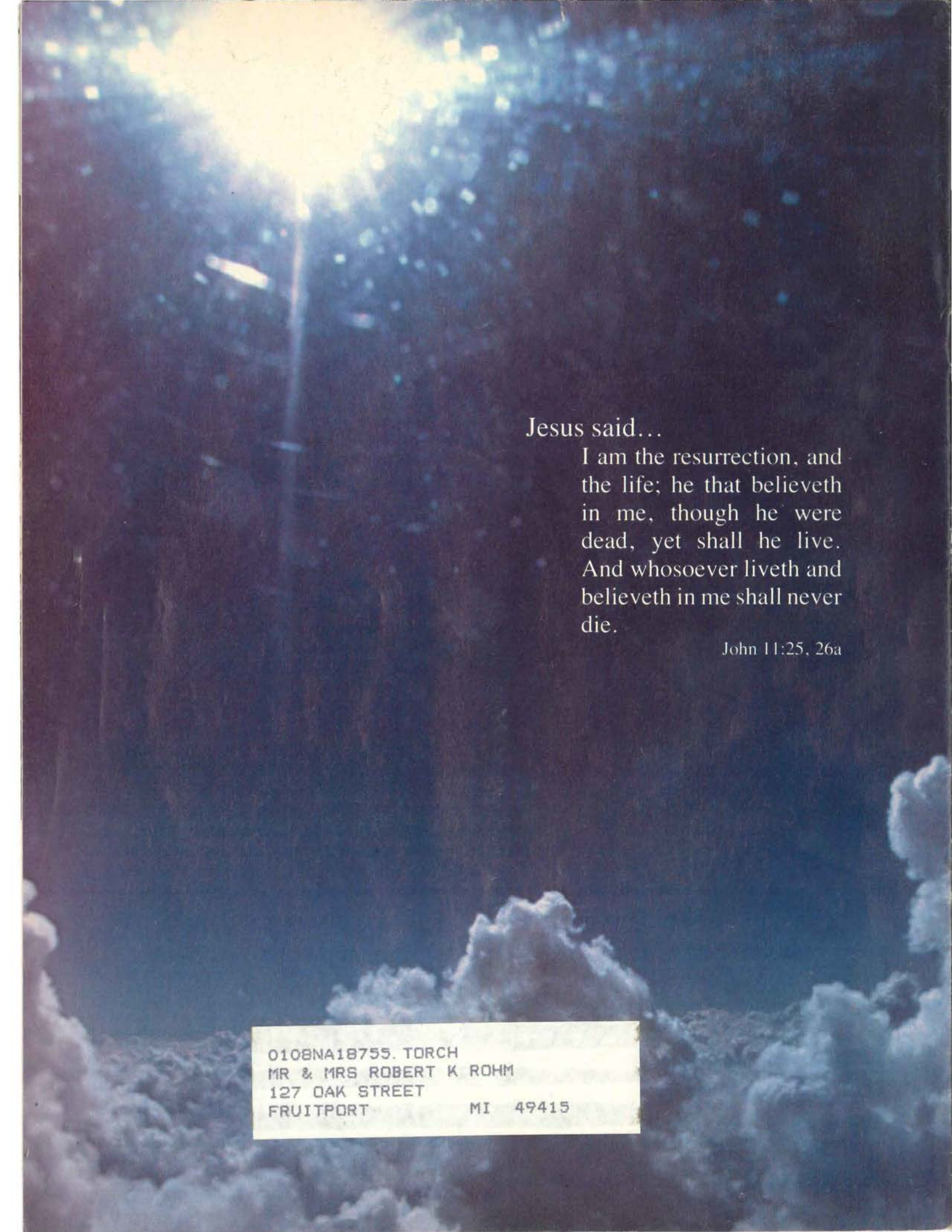
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Jesus said...

I am the resurrection, and
the life; he that believeth
in me, though he were
dead, yet shall he live.
And whosoever liveth and
believeth in me shall never
die.

John 11:25, 26a

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